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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KAREL VAN DEN BERG

Serial No.: 09/828,358

Filed: April 9, 2001

For: A FEED METERING DEVICE

Docket No.: 8553/213

Group Art Unit: 3644

Examiner: Kimberly S. Smith

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

To the Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The above-identified Application, currently under Appeal, is entitled to continued examination under 37 CFR §1.114 which is therefore requested. An Amendment responsive to the Official Action of February 19, 2003 is submitted herewith. Our check in the amount of \$375.00 to cover the fee prescribed in 37 CFR §1.17(e) is also submitted herewith. If this is in error, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is authorized to debit or credit our Account No. 13-2000 as appropriate.

It is requested that the finality of the Official Action dated February 19, 2003 be withdrawn, and the Amendment submitted herewith be entered and considered. It is further

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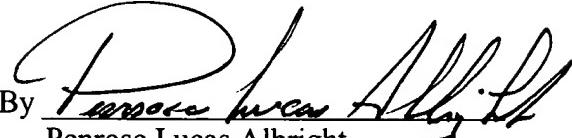
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understood that this request will be treated as a request to withdraw the Appeal and reopen prosecution of the Application before the examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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